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SUBJ: GOG POSITION TOWARD CLERIDES GOVERNMENT

1. VRADYNI AUGUST 31 IN GENERAL REPORTAGE COVERING CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS REFERRED TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN PM CARAMANLIS AND PRESIDENT CLERIDES PREVIOUS DAY. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT CARAMANLIS SAID THAT "UNTIL A MORE PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF AFFAIRS IN CYPRUS, GREECE RECOGNIZES GOVERNMENT OF CLERIDES AS LAWFUL GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND CONTINUES TO OFFER HIM ITS MORAL, POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT."

2. MFA CYPRUS DESK OFFICER CLARIFIED THAT CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT ON GOG POSITION TOWARD LEGAL STATUS OF CLERIDES GOVERNMENT IS SUBSTANTIVELY CORRECT AND IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH EARLIER STATEMENT OF FM MAYROS TO EFFECT GOG RECOGNIZES ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AS LEGAL HEAD OF STATE. MFA OFFICER ELABORATED THAT LEGAL AND ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS IN GOG VIEW IS MAKARIOS. IN HIS ABSENCE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT IS LEGALLY ASSUMED BY PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT

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CLERIDES WHO SERVES AS ACTING PRESIDENT. IN GOG VIEW
LETTERS OF CREDENCE SHOULD THUS BE ADDRESSED TO
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS BUT PRESENTED TO ACTING PRESIDENT
CLERIDES. THIS IN FACT IS FORMULA FOLLOWED BY AMBASSADOR
DOUNTAS WHEN HE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS LAST MONTH. STEARNS

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